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- 1. The airport at Paps has been developed by the Russians into the greatest and most important military air base during the past few months, probably because of the excellent central location of this place. Construction, with the exception of the cleaning up around a few of the minor buildings, has been completed and there is now stationed at the airport a Soviet air fleet with great hitting capacity.
- 2. Two concrete runways with great weight-carrying capacity have been built, parallel to each other, and three hundred meters apart in a northwest direction, two kilometers long and two hundred meters wide. The runways are completely finished and the bomber and fighter airplanes of the Russian fleet have taken possession. The personnel of the Russian fleet have been living in the city until the early spring because the buildings were not inhabitable. Recently, that three barracks have also been completed and therefore there is no further hindrance to the Soviet fighters moving into the airfield.
- 3. The Soviet fleet garrisoned here is not a small one. At the present time, there are 240 planes at Papa in readiness, of which a majority consists of fighters but there are quite a few twin-motored light bombers and other fighters. Turbo fighters and four-motored bombers are not in evidence at Papa.

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